



A.I. Warning from Man Who Called the 2020 Crash

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U.S. COVID infections are hovering near levels of the pandemic's first peak in 2020, and approaching the Delta peak of late 2021, according to wastewater surveillance and modeling by forecasters.

It's yet another sign that while the official pandemic state may be over, the days of COVID are far

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seen during the deadly Delta peak of late 2021, according to Biobot Analytics, which monitors such data for the federal government.

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A forecast issued this week by Jay Weiland, a leading COVID modeler, came to the same conclusions. On Thursday, Weiland estimated that 650,000 Americans are becoming infected daily, with 1 in 51 Americans currently infected with COVID.

Take note: JP's model based on US wastewater indicates the current wave for infections is approaching the level of the ancestral, Alpha and Delta waves <https://t.co/a53Pxbha6q>

— Eric Topol (@EricTopol) [September 8, 2023](#)

An additional 7% to 10% of the U.S. population will be infected over the next month and a half, Weiland predicted.

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Forecast out to mid October:

Prediction is difficult at the moment with a lot of factors at play, so this is a range for now.

Peaks are always hard to predict.

Lower model run peaks this week. FLip is growing, but not fast enough to peak later than late Sept. pic.twitter.com/6idiApRyyP

— JWeiland (@JPWeiland) [September 11, 2023](#)

Both Biobot data and Wieland's modeling show U.S. cases beginning to recede. But they may not fall much more, if any, before the anticipated fall and winter surge.

WHO flags concerning trend

Infections aside, COVID hospitalizations and deaths are continuing to rise, according to the latest data available from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Hospitalizations rose nearly 9% from Aug. 27 through Sept. 2, the most recent period for which the federal health agency made data available. And deaths rose nearly 5% from Sept. 3-9.

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The World Health Organization continues to receive reports on concerning COVID trends, including a growing number of countries reporting an increase in infections, hospitalizations, and ICU admissions, Maria Van Kerkhove, technical lead for COVID-19 response, said at a Thursday news conference.

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